

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: NIGERIAN PETROCHEMICAL COMPLEX

REF: LAGOS 9159

1. S.A. ADEYEYE, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES (MOI) TOLD EMBOFF IN MEETING OF AUGUST 2, THAT FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAD DECIDED TO SHIFT RESPONSIBILITY FOR PETROCHEMICAL COMPLEX FROM MOI TO NIGERIAN NATIONAL PETRO-CHEMICAL CORPORATION (NNPC). HE UNDERSTANDS THAT THE HEAD OF STATE DIRECTED NNPC TO DRAFT ITS OWN MEMO RECOMMENDING PARTNERS AND CONSULTANTS BUT THAT NNPC SHOULD MAKE NO MAJOR CHANGES. ADEYEYE JUDGED THAT THIS WOULD CAUSE SOME DELAY IN PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION BUT HE COULD NOT GUESS THE LENGTH OF THE DELAY. HE SAID THAT IN THE FUTURE, PROJECT WILL BE HEADED UP BY S.M. AKPE, DIRECTOR OF GAS, NNPC.

2. ADEYEYE HEARD THAT NNPC'S ARGUMENT TO HEAD OF STATE WAS THAT THEY NEEDED TO INTEGRATE REFINING (NAPTHA) WITH PETROCHEMICALS. HE WENT ON TO STATE THAT QUOTE I DON'T THINK OUR PROSPECTIVE PARTNERS ARE GOING TO LIKE THIS UNQUOTE. HE INDICATED THAT MOI WILL BE WRITING TO THE PROSPECTIVE PARTNERS, INCLUDING PARSONS  
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AND FOSTER-WHEELER IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

3. A USUALLY WELL-INFORMED BUSINESSMAN INFORMED EMBOFF AT A LATER MEETING THAT ANOTHER DECISION BY THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAD BEEN TAKEN. HE STATED THAT THEY HAD GIVEN A NOD OF APPROVAL TO PARSONS IN CONTRAST TO THE RECOMMENDATION BY MOI

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